GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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REFINING CAPACITY OF REFINERIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to push for ramping up India's oil refining capacity with emphasis on exports;

(b) if so, whether any Action Plan has been worked out in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to implement the Action Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.438 for 25.8.2005 regarding Refining Capacity of Refineries

(a) to (d) Present refining capacity (April, 2005) in the country is 127.37 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA). It is planned to enhance this capacity to 141.70 MMTPA by the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan (2006-07) by implementing the following capacity additions / expansions:-

S.No.	Name of the oil company	Location of the refinery	Capacity (million metric tonnes)
1.	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)	Mumbai (Maharashtra)	5.10
2.	Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC)	Panipat (Haryana)	6.00
3.	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)	Mumbai (Maharashtra)	2.40
4.	HPCL	Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)	0.83
	Total		14.33

Further, oil sector public sector undertakings have proposed to set up the following four new refineries, completion of which is likely to spill over beyond the Tenth Five Year Plan:-

S.No.	Name of the oil company	Location of the refinery	Installed capacity
1.	IOC	Abhayachandrapur (Paradip) (Orissa)	9.0 MMTPA

2. HPCL Bathinda (Punjab) 9.0 MMTPA

3. BPCL Bina (Madhya Pradesh) 6.0 MMTPA

4. BPCL Lohagara (Allahabad) (Uttar Pradesh) 7.0 MMTPA

In view of the fact that India has already established itself as a net exporter of petroleum products with export earnings of over Rs.28,000 crore from petroleum products in 2004-05, IOC have been asked to prepare a detailed feasibility study on making India a key investment destination for refineries, in particular export-oriented refineries, with the aim of building India as an export hub for petroleum products. The Action Plan will be worked out after IOC's report is received.